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In re Application of:

Norton et al.

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Examiner: Geoffrey R. Akers

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO SECOND OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 10, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the appended remarks.

In accordance with the proposed waiver of 37 CFR 1.121 and indicated as permissible at

<http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/dapp/opla/preognotice/revamdtprac.htm>, the present amendment is submitted in separate sections as follows:

- 1) Introductory Comments,
- 2) Amendments to the Claims, and
- 3) Remarks.

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1) Introductory Comments

Claims 1–21 are pending in the present application, prior to this amendment. Of these claims, Claims 1, 10, 13, and 19 are independent.

Claims 1–21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over the *Downing* patent (U.S. Pat. No. 5,963,647) in view of the *Jennings* patent (U.S. Pat. No. 5,825,003). The examiner issued new grounds of rejection in response to the applicant's paper no. 7 (Oct. 25, 2002).

Independent claims 1, 10, 13, and 19 have been amended for clarity, but not necessarily for reasons related to patentability.

Dependent claims 5, 7 have been amended for consistency with their respective independent claims or to correct minor errors not believed material to patentability.

New dependent claims 22–25 are added.

Reconsideration is requested in view of the amendments presented herein and the remarks which follow.